

CHARTER

Hays County Redistricting Advisory Commission (RAC)

Adopted July 13, 2021

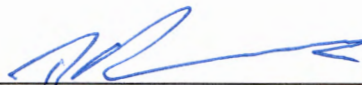
The Redistricting Advisory Commission ("RAC") shall be composed of seven members, with each of the five Commissioners Court members making one recommendation, confirmed by vote of the Hays County Commissioners Court along with their approval of Hays County Chairs for the Republican and Democrat parties. The RAC, with organizational support and structural guidance from Hays County staff, will establish its own operating procedures (in compliance with this charter) and operate with the two (2) Party Chairs as Co-Chairpersons. All meetings will be recorded, with notice of meetings being provided to each RAC member at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance. In addition to RAC work-sessions, which may be closed to the public, the RAC shall schedule at least four (4) community meetings (at least one within each of the 4 Commissioners Precincts) to provide information and receive input from the public. Community meetings shall be advertised at least five (5) business days in advance and shall be held in forums that provide for broad public attendance.

The role of the Commission shall be the following:

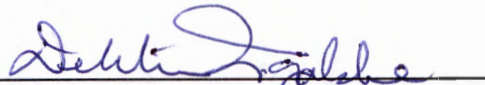
1. The RAC is an advisory Commission to the Hays County Commissioners Court. The Hays County Commissioners Court shall receive input from the RAC prior to taking independent, timely action in compliance with federal and state law.
2. The RAC shall explore and endeavor to provide advisory input regarding the adjustment of Hays County Precinct boundaries, including Commissioners Precincts, Justice of the Peace Precincts and Constables Precincts. The RAC shall not provide analysis or input regarding redistricting actions that are not the responsibility of the Hays County Commissioners Court.
3. The RAC shall receive information from Hays County staff regarding 2020 Census data, including population and demographics within Hays County, along with other information that is relevant to redistricting within Hays County.
4. The RAC shall receive information from Hays County staff and legal counsels regarding redistricting rules and requirements found in the United States Constitution, the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, and state law.
5. The RAC shall provide a report to the Hays County Commissioners Court after it has held four (4) or more community meetings within Hays County, as described above. The report shall include consensus, majority, and minority recommendations regarding redistricting within Hays County, along with any information that is relevant to those recommendations.

The RAC shall interact with the Hays County Programs Manager for GIS and Mapping by way of its Co-Chairs. The Co-Chairs shall periodically meet with the Programs Manager together (and not individually) to discuss map proposals, the results of which can be brought back to the RAC for discussion during work sessions. By way of this process, with input from staff and/or legal counsels, the RAC shall develop one or more proposed maps that may be considered during community meetings and by the Commissioners Court.

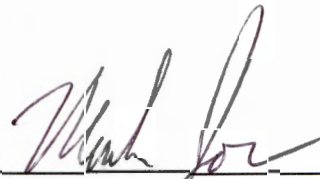
ADOPTED BY THE HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THIS THE 13th DAY OF JULY, 2021.



Ruben Becerra
Hays County Judge



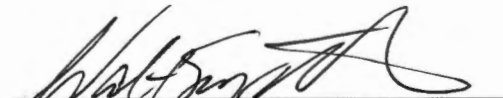
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Commissioner, Pct. 2



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